

“Stop Work/Stop Use” to be implemented carefully

The Wisconsin Department of Commerce Secretary Mary Burke in June 2006 adopted new administrative rules regarding “Stop Work/Stop Use” - “Red Tag” procedures in Comm 3.10, Administrative Procedures. Those rules were effective August 1, 2006.

The rules outline the criteria for halting work or use of an object in the face of immediate dangers or evident code violations. The rules only involve Commerce staff and not delegated agents or deputies of the department. (See <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/code/comm/comm003.pdf>.)

Those rules are carefully being implemented by the Safety and Buildings Division:

1. A Red Tag (order to stop) team began meeting in June 2004 to develop recommendations for the Stop Work/Stop Use process, to flow chart necessary process steps, and to design a record-keeping system.
2. Between May 30 and September 7, 2006, Integrated Service Bureau section chiefs have held meetings or teleconferences for each program to collect examples of situations where program staff feel a **Red Tag** may be used.

(Note that the new Comm 3 rules include a provision that any Red Tag order from S&B staff must be approved by a supervisor and provision of an appeal process.)

3. The September 7, 2006 S&B manager meeting agenda includes a 2-hour discussion of

the general principles of the Red Tag rules and policy (limited to situations with imminent danger to life, use as appropriate where other tools for enforcement do not appear to be working, etc.). The collected examples will be used to provide direction to staff, as needed. This information will become part of various inspectors’ training.

5. Prior to November 13, 2006, the Integrated Service Bureau section chiefs will arrange for general order-writing training using S&B’s Regulated Objects Database. The process of how to do a Red Tag order will be part of that training.

The Red Tag process will be part of S&B inspector inspection-enforcement update training on November 13 and 14, 2006. Part of the training will deal with how the process in one program will be coordinated with other S&B programs and with the varied elements of a building site.

For more information on the “Stop Work/Stop Use” - “Red Tag” process, contact Jim Quast, jim.quast@wisconsin.gov, 608-266-9292.

Look in the October *WCCR* for announcement of some of S&B’s winter plumbing education classes. Sign up online!

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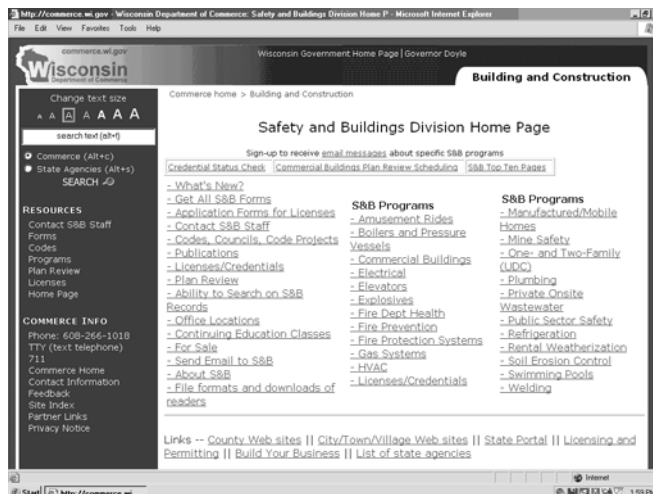
2005 Wisconsin Act 201, the “Right to Cure Law,” says that consumers at the time of contracting for construction or remodeling work for a dwelling must be provided with a brochure describing requirements for making any future claims of construction defects. See the brochure and act online: <http://commerce.wi.gov/SB/SB-DivPublications.html>.



Top Ten Web Pages at S&B

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1. **S&B Home Page:** <http://commerce.wi.gov/SB/SB-HomePage.html>
2. **Listing of codes S&B administers and links to online free codes:** <http://commerce.wi.gov/SB/SB-DivCodesListing.html>
3. **Access to S&B forms online:** <http://commerce.wi.gov/SB/SB-Div Forms.html>
4. **Information on various S&B plan reviews:** <http://commerce.wi.gov/SB/SB-DivPlanReview.html>
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For information on how the software works,
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Reviewers listed on page 7 of this WCCR.

Q&A - Wisconsin Commercial Building Code online: <http://www.commerce.state.wi.us/SB/SB-CommercialBuildingsCodeQuestions.html>

Listing of approved continuing education classes from various providers: <http://commerce.wi.gov/SB/SB-DivContinuingEducation.html>



Richland County is POWTS review agent

Richland County has recently been approved by the Safety and Buildings Division as a plan review agent for private onsite wastewater treatment systems, specifically:

- Pre-cast or manufactured holding tanks for one- and two-family dwellings;
- Pre-cast or manufactured holding tanks for public or commercial facilities with an estimated wastewater flow of 3,000 gallons per day or less.

For information on counties becoming POWTS review agents, contact Roman Kaminski, S&B POWTS program manager, roman.kaminski@wiconsin.gov, 715-345-5334.

For information on which counties have review authority, see the S&B Web site, <http://commerce.wi.gov/SBdocs/SB-PowtsPlanReviewAgents.pdf>.

Testing lab warns of fake sprinklers

Underwriters Laboratories in July warned of chrome-plated automatic fire sprinklers that bear a counterfeit UL mark for the United States and Canada.

Although imprinted with the word "Globe," these sprinklers are not manufactured by Globe Fire Sprinkler Corporation and have not been evaluated for safety by UL.

UL lists the model of fake Globe product as GL 565, with markings on the deflector SSP, cULus in a circle, GL 5651, 2005, 155°F/68°C

Listed sprinklers manufactured by Globe Fire Sprinkler contain a hex head screw and a Job G5 glass bulb, UL said, while sprinklers with the counterfeit UL mark are manufactured with a slot head screw and a Job F5 glass bulb.

UL recommends that users stop using these sprinkler heads and return them to the place of purchase.

<http://commerce.wi.gov/SB/SB-HomePage.html>

email groups

There are email groups set up for individual S&B programs. Sign-up to receive occasional messages on program topics of interest to you: <http://www.commerce.state.wi.us/SB/SB-DivEmailSignup.html>



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Inspection Helper

An "Erosion and Sediment Inspection Field Guide" (SBD-10837) is online: <http://commerce.wi.gov/SB/SB-DivForms.html#one&two>.

Plumbing Q&A is at <http://commerce.wi.gov/SB/SB-PlumbingDatabaseReport.html>

Info about status of a plan review: <http://www.commerce.state.wi.us/SB/SB-DivReviewStatusSearch.html>

Be sure you get all the construction permits you need!

Two important contacts should be made at the early stage of any construction project. 1. Contact your local village, town or city government. Ask what permits you need locally. Ask if there are local inspectors to help figure things out. Ask what other agencies' permits you may need. Ask what needs to be done first, then second, then third. 2. The second contact should be the county planning or zoning department. Ask if they have authority over the property you have in mind. Ask if they know of any other permits or processes you need to be aware of.

Even if a property has the proper zoning, you probably also need another permit if something is erected, constructed, improved, enlarged, altered, converted, repaired, filled in, moved or demolished. The same governing body does not necessarily issue all the permits associated with a project. There are many variations as to what permits are needed; it is in your best interest to ask about the variations.

At times, officials concentrate on their own regulations and do not mention other regulatory agencies which will have an impact on the success of your project. Unfortunately, there can be a surprise when the "other" regulatory body taps you on the shoulder and asks for a copy of their permit.

Federal, state, regional planning, county, municipal, special district, sanitary, erosion control, flood plain, zoning, driveway, and well permits are examples of possible combinations that affect your project.

- Even if your locality doesn't require a building permit for that particular project, the construction must be done according to the correct codes.
- Commercial buildings often need local or state design review before construction. Most buildings need permits for plumbing systems.
- Your locality may have contracted out to another unit of government or to a private company to enforce certain codes.
- Make sure your contractor has the appropriate license(s) to do the work. Getting your permit may depend upon that license.

Fax or email various technical code questions to:

- Amusement Rides, Rope/Ski Tows 608-283-7419 healthsafetech@commerce.state.wi.us
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Info on the S&B Elevators Program Web page: <http://commerce.wi.gov/SB/SB-ElevatorSystemsProgram.html#five>

1. Building Code Coordination:
Examples of sprinkler, heat and smoke detector locations for full-size (2000 lbs. and greater rated load) passenger and freight elevators



2. NFPA 72 (2002) and Elevators - Elevator Recall for Fire Fighters' Service

Answers about S&B credentials: <http://commerce.wi.gov/SB/SB-DivCreds.html>

Commercial Buildings Plan Review Resources

To schedule a plan review appointment for commercial/multifamily buildings (only commercial buildings): <http://Commerce.wi.gov/SB/SB-DivPlanReview.html>

Info about **next available** commercial building review appointment: <http://www.commerce.state.wi.us/SB/SB-DivDailyDoc.html>.

Safety and Buildings Division commercial building **plan review scheduling** is on the Internet,
<http://commerce.wi.gov/SB/SB-DivPlanReview.html>

Commercial Buildings Delegated Municipalities

Some municipalities in Wisconsin have authority to do building or fire protection plan review, inspections, and otherwise carry out code-related functions as delegates of the Department of Commerce. For a list of current delegated municipalities, see the S&B WebSite: <http://www.commerce.state.wi.us/SB/SB-CommercialBuildingsDelegatedMunicipalities.html>.

Codes, Codes, Codes

S&B Administrative Codes, Code Purchasing, Code Projects, Code Councils are on the Internet: <http://www.commerce.state.wi.us/SB/SB-DivCodes.html>.

Purchase paper copies from state document sales, 800-362-7253, or 608-266-3358.



S&B Contact List

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